

to family, country, constituents, and friends, CRAIG LYLE THOMAS showed us what it means to be an American. He embodied the best ideals of a Wyoming cowboy and made the Senate and those who had the privilege of knowing him far better for it.

We mourn with Susan, CRAIG's children, and CRAIG's staff here in the Senate. We honor them today, too, for their model of professionalism and caring concern they have shown over the last difficult months. We will miss CRAIG terribly, his calm toughness, his drive, and his cowboy spirit, but we are consoled by the thought that he will ride again, restored in body and flashing a smile as he goes.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

REMEMBERING SENATOR CRAIG THOMAS

Mr. REID. Madam President, I appreciate the remarks of my distinguished counterpart. I think his words convey how we feel about CRAIG THOMAS.

Madam President, we hear it often said that this is a Senate family, and it is times such as these when we do realize we are a family, a very small family of just 100—99 today.

I can remember early last December I called and talked to CRAIG in the hospital, and he said: I am getting better. And he was. He did get better. It just didn't last, and we all feel so bad about that.

I remember CRAIG THOMAS for his legislative efforts. Wyoming, like Nevada, is a public land State. Wyoming has a lot of public land issues dealing with Federal agencies. I see his colleague here, MIKE ENZI, and I can remember working with them on an issue which, to most people, seemed like not much, but to the two Senators from Wyoming and to the Senator from Nevada, it meant a lot. We were dealing with a place called Martin's Cove, and even Senators from Utah were called in to see if we could resolve this, and we were able to resolve it eventually. But CRAIG was really tough when it came to public lands issues.

I can remember, as can Lula, whom we all know, CRAIG THOMAS' persistence on a piece of legislation on an issue dealing with the potash of a mining company in Wyoming. He would ask us if we had been able to get it cleared. If he asked us once, he asked us 50 times, and we eventually got it cleared. I worked hard on this side for that for a couple of reasons: First, it was the right thing to do, and second, CRAIG wanted it so badly. So we were able to work that out.

I will miss CRAIG THOMAS. CRAIG THOMAS was the kind of person with whom I liked to deal. He told you how he felt—he wanted this done; he didn't

want that done. I recognized that he was very proud of being a Senator.

I would have to say, however, that he was just as proud of being a marine. His Marine Corps service was certainly commendable. He was in the Marine Corps in the late 1950s, 1955 to 1959. He went in as a private and came out as a captain. He was a graduate of the University of Wyoming with a degree in agriculture, and that is why he was one of the leading experts in the Senate—in the Congress, I should say—on agriculture and, of course, issues affecting rural communities.

Madam President, I will ask for unanimous consent in just a few minutes to do away with the votes we had scheduled this morning and reschedule them for later this afternoon so people have the opportunity to come and speak about CRAIG. And those who aren't able to come, there will be a time set aside where we will recognize the service CRAIG THOMAS rendered to the State of Wyoming and to the country.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the previous order governing the consideration of the immigration legislation be delayed until 2:15 p.m. today and the time between 2:15 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. be divided equally between the managers and the amendment proponents, with the votes occurring beginning at 3:30 p.m., with all other provisions of the previous order remaining in effect.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to a period of morning business until 12:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein, after Senator ENZI completes his remarks immediately following mine, for up to 15 minutes each—Senator ENZI can speak for whatever time he feels appropriate—that at 12:30 p.m., the Senate stand in recess until 2:15 p.m.; that upon reconvening, the Senate resume consideration of S. 1348, the immigration legislation.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN MEMORY OF SENATOR CRAIG THOMAS

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask that the Senate now stand for a moment of silence in recognition of Senator CRAIG THOMAS.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

(Moment of silence.)

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask that you now recognize Senator ENZI.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Wyoming.

REMEMBERING SENATOR CRAIG THOMAS

Mr. ENZI. Madam President, when my plane touched down last night, I received an e-mail that told of the fate of a great man. It was a tremendous surprise to me. I just completed a week in Wyoming of explaining to people that he even timed his chemotherapy so he didn't have to miss votes, and what a tough and strong man he was.

CRAIG THOMAS was a marine at heart, but he was a cowboy in his soul. He was quiet, he was focused, he was independent, he was hard-working. He loved the Senate and he loved the Marines and he loved his horses. The flags have been lowered, and there is a great deal of sadness in our hearts today as we mourn his loss and celebrate his life. I have had a lot of thoughts, but I haven't had a chance to put them together. They come gushing back, together with a lot of tears.

For those of us from Wyoming, CRAIG THOMAS was more than just our Senator. He was our voice in the Senate, and he was never one to back off from a fight, especially when he was battling for two things most dear: what was best for Wyoming and what was best for America.

CRAIG had long Wyoming roots, and he was very proud of them. He grew up in Cody and became friends with Al Simpson. Later on the two of them would serve together in the Senate. After he graduated from the University of Wyoming, he immediately began his service to the country he loved. He joined the Marine Corps. I am convinced that experience helped to shape his character and molded his destiny. I think his steely resolve and firm will took shape during those days that helped guide him and prepare him for the battles that would come later in his political life.

When CRAIG's service in the Marine Corps was through, he began what was to be his life's work, which was serving the people of Wyoming to ensure their best interests were taken care of and their needs were addressed.

His first efforts for Wyoming brought him to the Wyoming Farm Bureau and the Wyoming Rural Electric Association.

He was proud of his service with both of these organizations. It kept him actively involved in issues that meant a great deal to him and, more importantly, it kept him in touch with the people of Wyoming and their day-to-day problems. It also set him on the road to doing anything and everything he could to make life easier for his fellow citizens in Wyoming.

I remember the days we served together in the Wyoming House. I was a mayor and had municipal electrical experience. He was with the rural electric association. We worked a lot of electrical bills together at that time. We